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Boycotts, Injunctions and Trusts.

In the two important decisions recently his services as Secretary of War that he rendered by the Supreme Court both sides was forced to retire. Succeeding him in each case find grounds of satisfaction. came Mr. Root, a lawyer, who did notable In the contempt case the labor leaders things in the office, and succeeding him are relieved from jail sentences as pun- came Mr. Taft, another lawyer, who went ishment for a civil as distinguished from from the War Department to the White a criminal contempt of court, a punish- House. ment which many who condemn the boycott have felt to be too severe. On the about his legal sheepskin. He will find other hand the anti-boycotters claim that that it is not only not a stranger in the decision of the nation's highest tribu- the War Department, but is associated nal determines every essential point in there with great achievements. Many dispute concerning the status of the lawyers have tried their hands there, and boycott in accordance with their con- one of them-Mr. Stanton-at the most tention; that the boycott is illegal and trying period of the country's history that the court can enjoin all acts done made a reputation for efficiency which in carrying out such boycott, which ex- will endure while the government itself tends to printed, written and oral state- does. ments; that the court's injunction must be obeyed, and that violation is punishable by fine in indemnity to the party injured, and by imprisonment for criminal contempt of court.

In the trust case the Standard Oil Company is ordered to dissolve as a monopoly lic buildings and grounds, to the limit in unreasonable restraint of trade. But of the funds available for that purpose. the decision of the Supreme Court construes into the Sherman act the word forth in West Potomac Park, the park "unreasonable," which Congress has re- south and east of the railroad bridge not fused to place there and which weakens being ready for driveways, lawns and the force of the act as a terrible warning shrubbery, as a dredge is pumping river to future possible offenders. Heretofore mud on this section of the park for the to limit the application of the Sherman double purpose of raising its level and cure from Congress amendment of the law by the insertion of this word. Now the Sherman act under the Supreme ground in the world. A great deal has Court's decision reads with this word in- already been done toward the attainment serted, and the burden is shifted to the of this object. The idea of opening cross anti-trust men to eliminate it by congressional amendment.

The Supreme Court suggests that its construction of the Sherman act remedies | 17th street. the evil aimed at by the law and prevents a successful attack on the ground of unconstitutionality, upon the Sherman act. as otherwise construed.

and would make such pastimes reasonably safe, whereas the depth and tides In the contempt case the labor leaders of the tidal basin properly deter many personally are victorious, but the boypersons from taking chances there. In cott is condemned and its effective restraint by injunction is affirmed. In the winter it requires bitter weather to make Standard Oil case the particular trust in- good ice in the tidal basin, and the rising and falling of the tide add elements of volved is condemned and dissolved, but danger to the ice. A shallow lagoon, extrusts not monopolistic or in unreasonable restraint of trade-"good" trusts, in short pansive, but only two or three feet deep, as proposed by Col. Cosby, would make -are acquitted in advance and encourfatal accidents there practically impossi-

German Invasion of England.

The German invasion of England has development of the Eastern branch above arrived. Not all the fears that have the Pennsylvania avenue bridge would furkept Englishmen awake and which have nish an aquatic playground for the east almost interfered with their appetite have end, as the Potomac Park lagoon would been realized, but at any rate the Ger- for the central section of the city. mans are in London. The Star reported yesterday that Emperor William, Empress Auguste Victoria and Princess Victoria Louise, who arrived at Shearness on the the automobile, there seems to be a modimperial yacht Hohenzollern, entered London and were welcomed with an enthusiasm which fully demonstrated the emperor's personal popularity with English-

The horror of the invasion is mitigated by the fact that the king, queen and other members of the British royal family met the visitors at Victoria station, and all were driven in state to Buckingham great day for the auto smash, because

The London populace did not betray any shuddering fear at sight of the invaders, and the reports say that enormous crowds try, and, rolling along rustic roads, yield thronged the route from the railway station up Grosvenor Place and Constitution Hill to the palace and that cheers greeted the party throughout the drive. The Anglo-German war scare, or

rather the English scare, has subsided. It quieted down as did the American-Japanese war when yellow newspapers and yellow politicians found that they could not talk two ancient friends into a fight. The Anglo-German war was always more plausible than the Yankee-Jap war, but even that fell a penalty that would cause him to rethrough. Yellow journalism and yellow | member the fact. But despite speed laws statesmanship can create war scares and good counsel, many automobilists and blow up war clouds, but to make | will break their necks and the necks of nations fight is getting to be more and persons who ride with them. more difficult. War is so costly, so demoralizing to business and so un-

certain in its results that nations will only resort to it when they find it impossible to settle differences otherwise. The reunion of German and English royalty may do much to cement the friendship of the two nations and keep of the department between certain hours been justified in their optimism. The the international atmosphere clear. The visit of the kaiser to England is for no ing of the national memorial to Queen Victoria and to pay a visit to King ury building is very rigorous. Perhaps George and Queen Mary, but it will be it might go further and require the clerks who find their profit in interpreting the middle of the day and not leave the build- From the New York World. acts of other people. A prominent man | ing at all. It is not an order which will is never permitted to speak or act just make clerks feel any more independent test cases. Big Business knows what as common folk. He must always have or any better satisfied with their employ- the law is and it has very able attorneys a motive and usually a bad motive. ment. But here's hoping that England and Germany and all the other nations may long remain friends.

There is no doubt whatever that the merger system has seriously restricted the annual supply of circuses.

Washington's climate knows how to be most courteously considerate of an extra

As a standpatter and a sitter on the lid The War Department and War. President Diaz has developed qualities Secretary-to-be Stimson says neerning that must be recognized.

rising from private to first lieutenant."

the art of war: "I am not an expert. My only school in fighting was the National Guard. I served nine years in Troop A, Mr. Stimson will probably find that, brief and modest as his soldier service has been, it will stand him well in hand now. Gibbon, the great historian, served two and a half years in the English militia, and thought at one time of joining the regular army; but letters proved the stronger lure. However, he afterward confessed that "the captain of the Hampshire Grenadiers has not been useless to the historian of the Roman empire." Lieut. Stimson of the New York National Guard will not prove useless to the Sec- habit, and it requires some moral energy

retary of War. Only a few men of military training It is asking too much of mankind to Only a few men of military training It is asking too much of mankind to in connection with yesterday's long await-have presided over the War Department. request avoidance of vulgarity in speech. Mr. Madison, who was President during So many persons are vulgar; and how appeal.

our second war with Great Britain, was else can they express themselves? A vuladvised from the War Department, first gar person can never disguise his vulgarby John Armstrong of New York, then ity by simulating polite speech. But by James Monroe of Virginia, and then blasphemy and the common forms of proby W. H. Crawford of Georgia, not one fanity may be avoided by everybody. Men of whom could have set a squadron in the will express themselves more clearly and

after the Belknap scandal broke.

Mr. Cleveland's Secretary of War dur-

ng his first term was a Massachusetts

ersonal friend who had graduated from

the school of Albany journalism into Mr.

leveland's service as private secretary.

At the time of the controversy between

Mr. Cleveland and Lord Salisbury about

Venezuela, it was the theme of much

chuckling speculation as to where we

The war with Spain found the War De-

war. Gen. Alger had been among the

most successful of the Union officers

recruited from civil life. But so loud and

prolonged an outcry was produced by

Mr. Stimson, then, need not feel sheepish

Development of Potomac Park.

The development of Potomac Park is

being pressed forward by Col. Spencer

Cosby, engineer officer in charge of pub-

Park to the end of making it the most

beautiful and useful riverside pleasure

roads at the foot of 20th, 21st and 23d

streets is a good one, in that it makes the

The lagoon proposition for such aquat.c

pastimes as canoeing or boating in sum-

mer, and skating in winter, is feasible

In Potomac Park the convenience of

equestrians is also being taken into ac-

count, for despite the growing use of

Auto Wrecks.

It is too bad that the reckless, thought-

less autoist cannot be saved from himself

Harrying the Clerk.

cratic presidential booms.

The elimination of spring from the

Clean Speech.

The anti-profanity campaign appears to

prosper, and the Holy Name Society,

principal campaigner in the cause of

clean speech, reports that progress is be-

the annual epidemic of spring fever.

many gasoline cars are whizzing.

to the speed temptation.

park more accessible to people west of

lawyer, and during his second term a

York lawyer, with the presidential bee oath for its expression ought to be supbuzzing in his bonnet. Secretary Stan-The anti-oath reform is a good thing. ton, who proved an invaluable aid to Mr. Lincoln, was a lawyer. Andrew Johnson his confession that he is impotent to find in his row with Stanton called two soland use the exact words to indicate his diers to the War Office-first Gen. Grant, and then Gen. Scofield, but neither served ion. He should school himself in the long. President Grant appointed Gen. necessary vocabulary so that he may Rawlins, then Gen. Sherman, and then Gen. Belknap, but in his second term express himself with vigor and precision went to civil life for his War Secretary without his customary meaningless ex-

more forcibly by avoiding oaths, because

The Secretary of War during our clash oaths do not express any idea that ought with Mexico was W. L. Marcy, a New to be expressed. Any idea demanding an

> The English scientist who says that for the next four hundred years winter weather will grow steadily milder may be right. But the real difficulty in climatic prediction is to reduce it to a twentyfour-hour basis.

Queen Mary has prepared a list of "don'ts" for participants in the coronation that rivals the output of the most ndustrious writer of warm weather ad-

It will take considerable hustling on he part of Standard Oil's gigantic corps

Another mistaken economist is the man who tries to make last year's hammock

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

A Devotee of Fashion. "This," said the curator, displaying a nummy, "was an Egyptian princess." "Poor thing!" exclaimed the conversa-

tional girl. "She insisted on being buried

in her hobble skirt, didn't she!" Different Methods.

"You never learned to sing or play the "No," replied Mr. Growcher. "What's the use of going to all that trouble? Whenever I feel that the neighborhood is too quiet I get out the lawn mower."

The Graduation Speech. These efforts are, of course, being put Here is at least one message sent Free from all trace of modern tricks; One speech at least which is not meant | 5 To help some scheme in politics.

A Guess. "Why is the lion called the king of Col. Cosby is developing West Potomac beasts?" "I don't know," replied the naturalist, "unless he acquired the title years ago

when large whiskers were supposed to

imply an especial fitness for governmental authority." A Self-Defeated Reformer. "You were strong for a safe and sane

Fourth of July last year." "Yes," replied Mr. Growcher; "but I'm not going to say any more about it. I got so excited over the matter a year ago that my friends said I was both dangerous and irresponsible."

Back to Nature. long for life, for the real thing; Not the dawdling of dreamy days,

Nor the kind that the raw-hide poets In carefully roughened phrase. ask for no glimpse of the timid deer That flees from the hunter's call.

The water park which is sometimes Let me get out there with the crowds proposed as one of the features of the that cheer The bunch that is playing ball. Back to the primal state where man

Is close to old nature's heart,

Where we're all on the plane where we once began. Unpolished by time and art: Where the spirit of contest surges fast And the chances that may befall

erate revival of horseback riding, and Are eagerly waited from first to last this cannot be followed safely on the Where the bunch is playing ball! Let the dreamer go out 'neath the stars

streets or park roads over which so so bright And defy the lightning's play. The stars are where they belong, al The advance of spring is being marked

by automobile accidents. Sunday is the And the lightning is miles away, And the untamed beast will be on the more people are driving in autos on that day and because a larger number of If he hears your footsteps fall.

auto drivers make long runs to the coun-The placid wildwood I fain would shun The signal I hear, "Play ball!" Newspapers are burdened with accounts of autos that hit trees and trolley poles,

As the fee is put to rout: that skid into wayside ditches or roll Let me dodge the missiles that swiftly down high embankments while running forty miles an hour, and that collide with When the umpire says "You're out!" railroad trains, trolley cars, and other

Let me lift my voice with the general Prince and groundling and all. Where nature is unrestrained and strong, When a man is found breaking the speed Out there where the bunch plays ball. laws it would be charity to inflict on him

Not a Revolutionary Statute.

From the New York Times.

Those who through the long months, The Treasury Department order that whatever the court might say, its declerks may be required to remain on duty cision would not destroy property, would during the usual luncheon half hour, that they shall not leave any of the buildings they shall not leave any of the buildings title under which property was held, have without a pass, that the time of their Sherman act of 1890, as now definitely inreturn shall be entered on the pass by terpreted by the court, does not destroy certain entrances and exits of the Treas- erry right lawfully enjoyed prior to the

Guilt Is Personal.

This decision should mean the end of ately violates the law let it be treated like any other criminal. "Guilt is personal." If the United thus overlooking Judge Alton B. Parker States government will sternly hold to that principle and apply it to all vion this generous distribution of demo- lations of the Sherman act, Big Business will soon be as active in finding ways to respect the law as it has heretofore been in finding ways to evade the law. The length of time that Champ Clark Even a John D. Rockefeller would rather has managed to escape the epithet "czar" adjust his commercial practices to the should commend him to especial attention

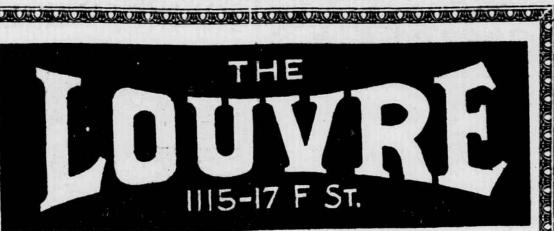
Intent of Congress.

tion of the anti-trust law is in accordance with its true intent. The aim of Conweather schedule affords no relief from gress was not to prevent those restraints which were usual and customary in industry under competitive conditions, but the new development of the power to re-It must be admitted that this year's strain trade which the great combinations of the May had an exceedingly shabby coronation.

It must be admitted that this year's strain trade which the great combinations of capital were making possible. Nor can any one question the justice of the application of the Sherman act in the present case. It was to prevent just such restraint of trade as the name of the Standard Oil Company is a synonym for that the act was passed by Congress.

Pall Lifted From Business.

ing made. It is easy to fall into a bad From the New York Herald. The Supreme Court has lifted an incuous from the business men of the country by its interpretation of the anti-trust act



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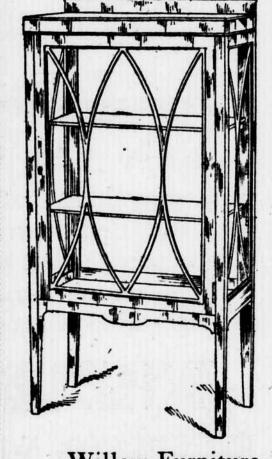
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